

## LOUISE FABER McCARTHY

by

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Louise Faber McCarthy was born May 8, 1902. Miss McCarthy was the fourth of six daughters of Henry A. and Louise Faber McCarthy. After winning the Gold Medal for General Excellence upon her graduation from Ridley Park High School in 1919, she attended Trinity College from which she was graduated magna cum laude in 1923.

Miss McCarthy received her legal education at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where she served as an editor of the University of Pennsylvania Law Review. She received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1926, was elected to membership in the legal honor society, The Order of the Coif, and was awarded a Gowan Fellowship for the study of collective bargaining. In 1927 she received her Master of Laws degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

After having been admitted to the Philadelphia County Bar, Miss McCarthy began her law practice in association with her father in the Philadelphia law firm of Clark, Clark, McCarthy and Wagner where she remained until she embarked upon a distinguished career with the United States Government in 1933. She became an attorney in the Department of the Interior for the Federal Emergency Administration for Public Works and served in the Department as Regional Director of the Eastern Seaboard. Her legal career with the Department of the Interior also included service as attorney for the Bituminous Coal Division of the Federal Works Agency, the Office of the Housing Expediter and the Office of the Territories.

Miss McCarthy remained with the Department of the Interior until 1943, when she enlisted in the United States Navy where she served during World War II in the Bureau of Ships and as an instructor at Smith College. She was discharged from the Navy with the rank of Lieutenant Commander and returned to continue her government service until she came to

Bethlehem in 1952.

In that year Louise F. McCarthy was admitted to the Northampton County Bar and began yet another career in association with H. P. McFadden and Milton B. Riskin in the general practice of law. In this capacity she served her profession and her community until her death on May 28th.

Miss McCarthy was Vice President and a member of the Board of Directors of Trinity College Alumnae Association; she was Treasurer and a member of the Board of Directors of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary; she served on the Board of Directors of the Bethlehem Girls Club and was an active member of the American Association of University Women. She also gave freely of her time and efforts to her church, being a devout and practicing member of Saints Simon and Jude Parish in Bethlehem.

Miss McCarthy is survived by her five sisters: Mary E. Tisdale, wife of Colonel Henry E. Tisdale, United States Army, Retired, of Daytona Beach, Florida; Sister M. St. Victoria of the Religious Order of the God Shepherd, Lourdesmont School in Clark Summit, Pennsylvania; Florence M. Sullivan, wife of William F. Sullivan of Ridley Park, Pennsylvania; Elinor M. Voelker, also an attorney, wife of George H. Voelker of Conshohocken, Pennsylvania; and Margaret M. McCallen, wife of James F. McCallen of Watertown, New York.

In her relatively short career as a member of the Bar of Northampton County, Louise F. McCarthy was a stimulating example and friend to many of her contemporaries and younger practitioners. Many of the younger members of the Bar of Northampton County had the distinct honor and privilege of working with Louise F. McCarthy on cases and as a practicing associate. She was at all times a living symbol and example of the ideals of her profession and ever a gracious lady. The passing of Louise F. McCarthy was the occasion for extreme sorrow and a great loss to the community of Northampton County and this professional society.